

Trails



Annual Trail Report - Fiscal Year 2005-06

Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS)

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Identify

24.9% of projects have been identified in the City's Greenprint or trail database for future development.

33.00 miles



Study

10.5% of projects have been or are currently being studied to determine a feasibility alignment.

13.91 miles



Plan

23.9% of projects have been or are currently being master planned for future development.

31.73 miles



Design

9.5% of projects have been or are currently being designed, resulting in construction documents.

12.61 miles



Construct

2.6% of projects are under construction.

3.42 miles



Built/Open

28.6% of projects are constructed and open to the public.

37.95 miles

Note: This figure includes paved and unpaved trails, as well as those under temporary rehabilitation..

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Trail Program Overview

In September 2000, the City Council adopted the Greenprint. The document was developed in partnership with residents and community groups. The Greenprint serves as a 20-year strategic plan for development of parks, community facilities and trails. A 100-mile trail system was identified as a goal.

This Annual Trail Report provides an update on development of the trail system. Twenty-nine individual trails will make up the system; significant progress was made in developing these trails during the fiscal year.

Program Updates

Bikeways Map

The "Bikeways Map" shows all existing paved and unpaved trails within the City of San José as well as some neighboring jurisdictions. The map serves as the single source for on-street bikeways and off-street bike paths (trails). PRNS collaborated

with the City's Department of Transportation in developing the map.

The map is posted on the trail program web site and on the last page of this report. Copies can also be obtained by contacting the Department of Transportation or PRNS web site:

www.sjparks.org, click on "Trails".

Collaborative Action Plan (CAP)

For projects along waterways, PRNS partners with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) to develop trail projects more rapidly.

Agreements permitting the use of SCVWD maintenance roads as interim public trails have been executed for:

- Lower Guadalupe River Trail (Gold Street to Highway 880)
- Coyote Creek - River Oaks Trail (Highway 237 to Montague Expressway)
- Guadalupe Creek (Almaden Expressway to Singletree Avenue)

Installation of signage, fencing, and call boxes along the Guadalupe River and Guadalupe Creek is anticipated early in the new fiscal year (Summer 2007). Announcement of the trail openings will be posted on the trail program web page.

Grant Funding

In attempts to secure grant funding, staff utilizes a prioritization process that ranks projects against seven measures to create a 'short list' of projects that are aligned with likely grant opportunities.

Over the past year, staff prepared eight grants for planning, design and construction of trails.

Additional grant funds were secured for the following projects:

1. Bay Trail, Reach 9B Pedestrian Bridge - (\$95,000). Grant awarded by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).
2. Guadalupe River Reach E, Airport Parkway Under-Crossing - (\$850,000). Grant authorized by the State of California.
3. Los Gatos Creek Reach 4, Lonus Street to Auzerais Avenue (\$1,200,000). Grant declined by State of California.
4. Milestone Project (Trail signage and markers), system wide deployment (\$451,000). Grant authorized by the State of California.
5. Penitencia Creek Reach 2, Noble Avenue to Dorel Drive (\$85,000). Grant declined by Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC).
6. Guadalupe River Trail, Reach A to E - (\$6,400,000). SAFETEA-LU Transportation Bill.
7. Coyote Creek Trail, Montague Expressway to Story Road (\$4,000,000). SAFETEA-LU Transportation Bill.
8. Bay Trail Reach 9, Gold Street to San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail (\$800,000). SAFETEA-LU Transportation Bill.

In addition to grant funds, the project is funded by the City's Park Bond and other City funds. The program's budget was over \$14,000,000 during the 2005-06 fiscal year. That budget is anticipated to grow by an additional \$21,000,000 over the next three years through committed regional, State and Federal sources.

Trail Program Web Page

The program's web page was significantly updated this past fiscal year with a more user-focused presentation of the system's trails.

Each trail system has its own page, with distances, surface, and location information. Photographs of each open trail system are provided to give the visitor a preview of the trail. Detailed trail maps are being developed for each system and should be posted by the Fall 2006.

Visitors to the site are encouraged to complete a survey to help the City improve the design of new trails.



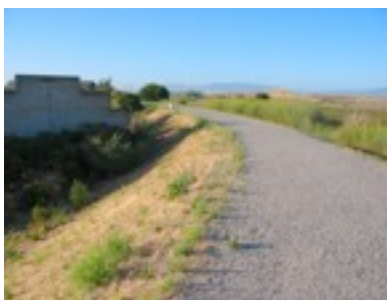
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Project Updates

Albertson Parkway - Cresta Vista Drive to Curie Drive (0.7 miles)

Funding was secured for the preparation of landscape and trail improvement plans for this existing trail system in south San José. The City is preparing a number of conceptual drawings for presentation at a future community meeting. Outreach to the surrounding neighborhood is anticipated to occur in the Fall of 2006 to define

how the linear space can be enhanced visually and provide open space.



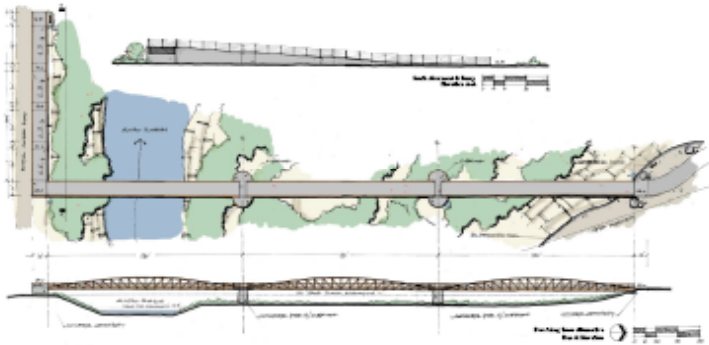
Bay Trail Reach 7A - Alviso Marina to Alviso Slough (0.5 miles)

The City and SCVWD seek to develop a Joint-Trails Agreement to formally permit public access on an existing levee main-

tenance road that follows the Alviso Slough out towards the Bay.

Work orders for signage and fencing modifications, and a draft agreement have been forwarded to the SCVWD for review and permitting.

The interim trail improvements are expected to be installed during the summer of 2006.

Bay Trail Reach 9B - Alviso Slough, near Gold St (400 ft)

Phase I of a Feasibility Study was completed this year for a pedestrian bridge necessary for continuity of the Bay Trail in the South Bay. Access to the area is currently not available due to an active railway and the Alviso Slough. The feasibility study defined the structure's appearance, structural system and estimated cost.

The bridge would permit development of a future trail connection to the Sunnyvale Baylands and Bay Trail and improve access to the County of Santa Clara Marina and levee trails.

Phase II of the study is funded through an ABAG grant and will augment the first study by providing detailed geotechnical and topographical data necessary for future design work. Work on Phase II will occur during fiscal year 06/07.

Coyote Creek (COY03 - 05)**Highway 237 to Montague Exp. (2.1 miles)**

The project was completed during the fiscal year. Access ramps and paved under-crossings at Tasman Drive and Montague Expressway permit usage of the existing gravel maintenance road along the creek. A short paved connection to the Highway 237 Bikeway, and

an art installation mid-way between Montague Expressway and Tasman Drive further enhance the trail's connectivity and visual character.

Coyote Creek (COY05 - 10)**Montague Exp. to Story Road (6.0 miles)**

Development of a master plan was delayed throughout the year due to funding restrictions associated with a State grant. Staff has



coordinated with the City's Redevelopment Agency to secure funds to resume the master planning process in Summer 2006. The plan will build upon the feasibility study completed in June 2004 for the segment from Highway 101 to Story Road. The trail alignment is expected to require at least one pedestrian bridge and six under-crossings beneath arterial roadways



and highways.

Coyote Creek (COY10A) Martha Street Bridge

A Study was completed that found a pedestrian bridge connection from Martha Street to the Story Road Landfill (future park site) to be infeasible.

Coyote Creek (COY11) Story Road to Phelan Avenue (2.1 miles)

Trail design work is at the 35% stage which describes a general project alignment. The future trail will follow the east bank of the creek and offer access to picnic areas and parking that serve Kelley Park and Happy Hollow Zoo.

Funding for construction of the project has yet to be identified.

Coyote Creek (COY12 - 13) Phelan Avenue to Los Lagos Golf Course (2.8 miles)

An agreement for consultant services has been approved by the City Council and staff anticipates the start of design work by August 2006. The project will provide a linkage to the segment along Kelley Park and connect to the existing trail near Los Lagos Golf Course/Capital Expressway.

Funding for construction is from the City's Park Bond.

Guadalupe Creek (GUC01) Almaden Exp. to Singletree Avenue (2.5 miles)

A Joint-Trail Agreement has been executed with the SCVWD for the installation of signage and fencing. These improvements will allow for an interim trail as defined by the master plan completed in June 2004.



The majority of signage for the project has been manufactured. Staff is coordinating with the City's General Services Department to schedule a contractor for installation of the improvements. Work is likely to be completed by Summer 2006.

**Guadalupe River (GUA01 - 06)
Gold Street/Alviso to Hwy 880 (6.0 miles)**



The project's master plan completed in June 2005, defines an interim trail as well as a final trail alignment. A Joint-Trail Agreement was executed with the SCVWD and work orders for signage, call boxes and fencing modifications have been submitted to the District for permitting. The interim trail will be divided (Gold Street to Trimble Road and Skyport Drive to Highway

880) as under-crossings are required at Highway 101 and Airport Parkway.

Guadalupe River (GUA06A) Airport Parkway Under-Crossing (800 feet)

The discontinuous Guadalupe River interim trail is due to a lack of under-crossings at Highway 101 and Airport Parkway. Funding from the State and through the SAFETEA-LU earmark have been allocated for construction of the Airport Parkway project in June 2007. An agreement with the SCVWD is being negotiated to share resources and have the District manage the construction as it builds the Highway 101 under-crossing during the same period.

Guadalupe River Park (GUA06 - 15) Hwy 880 to Hwy 280 (2.8 miles)



The Guadalupe River Park formally opened on September 10, 2005. A 2.8 mile trail through Downtown San José links several parks, festival sites, and the Arena, as well as the River Park & Gardens located between Coleman Avenue and Highway 880. The Redevelopment Agency is the lead agency in development of the park and is coordinating with appropriate agencies and

organizations to resolve access issues near the railway crossing between Julian Street and Coleman Avenue.

Guadalupe River (GUA16) Hwy 280/Woz Way to Virginia Street (2.6 miles)



Design work is underway on the trail that will extend the existing Guadalupe River Park to Virginia Street.

Recent funding secured by the SCVWD permits flood control improvements in the area to proceed sooner than expected.

Discussions are underway to determine how to best share resources in order for the trail to be developed along with the waterway improvements. Scheduling of the project will be impacted by this additional work but the design is anticipated to commence in July 2006.

**Guadalupe River (GUA27A)
Blossom River Drive Trail Head (50 ft)**

Survey work has been completed to define the easement required for a trail access point at the Blossom River Drive cul-de-sac to the Guadalupe River Trail. Easement agreement negotiations were stalled during most of the year as the property changed hands. Negotiations regarding the easement are expected to continue through the summer of 2006 so no schedule can be provided at this time for construction to commence.

Highway 87 Bikeway (H87 01) Willow Street to Unified Drive (2.0 miles)



Caltrans developed the bikeway as part of the Highway 87 project. The bikeway is closed until September 2006 as the facility is being reconstructed as part of the highway widening project. The VTA has designed streetlight improvements from Willow

Street to the Tamien Light Rail Station.

When the bikeway reopens, the City intends to assume maintenance responsibility from Caltrans.

**Los Gatos Creek (LGC01 - 02)
Auzerais Avenue to Guadalupe River Park (0.5 miles)**

As part of the development of the project's master plan, it has been determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. The project's possible alignment may require an under-crossing near West San Carlos Street and West Santa Clara Street.

Preparation of the EIR is anticipated to require 18 months and will include an opportunity for public comment.

Los Gatos Creek (LGC03) Lincoln Avenue to Auzerais Avenue (0.7 miles)

A construction contract was awarded in April 2006. The project will include rehabilitation of an existing segment of trail, and installation of a new paved trail, an under-crossing at Highway 280 and a stone gateway at Auzerais Avenue to increase the trail's visibility.

Work in riparian areas is typically limited by permit between June 1 to October 15. The scope of the project is anticipated to require two construction seasons. The project is expected to be substantially completed by October 2007.

Penitencia Creek, Reach 1 (PEN12) Alum Rock Park to Noble Drive (0.7 miles)



The master plan which is underway, defines a trail that generally follows Penitencia Creek Road. The proximity of the creek to the road and steep hill-sides limit the trail alignment possibilities. From Alum Rock to Dorel Drive, a 4' wide pathway will provide pedestrian access (no pedestrian access is currently defined), and from Dorel Drive to Noble Drive, a 6' wide pathway will offer views of the creek.

Completion of the master plan is scheduled for late 2006.

Penitencia Creek, Reach 2 (PEN10 - 11) Noble Avenue to Piedmont Avenue (0.5 miles)

Installation of two pedestrian bridges, gravel trails, and tree planting was completed. Access to one of the bridges from Piedmont Road remains closed at this time as a ramping structure remains to be constructed. Discrepancies in the site elevations between construction documents and site conditions led to the need for additional work. Design and construction is being "fast-tracked" in order to make use of existing permits and to have the project completed by October 2006.

Saratoga/San Tomas Aquino Crk (SAR06) Bollinger Road to English Drive (1.0 mile)



The trail was completed and an opening ceremony was conducted in December 2005.

The project includes a pedestrian bridge, paved and unpaved trails, seating areas, mitigation and landscape plantings.

Signage at the trail entry points defines a walking route along the trail and through the neighborhood.

Silver Creek - Dobern Bridge (SCL12A) Dobern Avenue to Bambi Lane (395 ft)

The Dobern Bridge was installed in March 2006 and provides access to Capitol Park and the surrounding neighborhood. Design work for landscaping is completed and construction of the paved trail, installation of irrigation and planting of shrubs and small trees should be completed by August 2006.

Lower Silver Creek (LSC01 - 17) Thompson Creek to Coyote Creek (6 miles)

Funding for the master plan was secured from both City and local grant sources.

A Technical Advisory Committee has been formed and initiation of planning process is expected to commence in the summer of 2006.

The trail system is anticipated to generally follow the creek wherever possible and link a number of neighborhood parks.

Thompson/Lower Silver Creek Trail (THO 01 - 04) Tully Road to Aborn Road (2.0 miles)

The completed master plan defined an interim trail alignment from Tully Road to Aborn Road.

Work orders have been prepared for the signage, fencing and minor paving improvements. The SCVWD is reviewing the documentation and is expected to issue permits shortly.

A joint trail agreement has been drafted and is under review by both the City and SCVWD.

Installation of the improvements is expected to be completed during the summer of 2006.

Willow Glen Spur (WG01 - 14) Los Gatos Creek to Coyote Creek (2.9 miles)



Staff continues to work with the property owner to define the terms of purchase.

The State of California (Department of Toxic Substance Control) is coordinating with the property owner to evaluate the condition of the soil and determine what

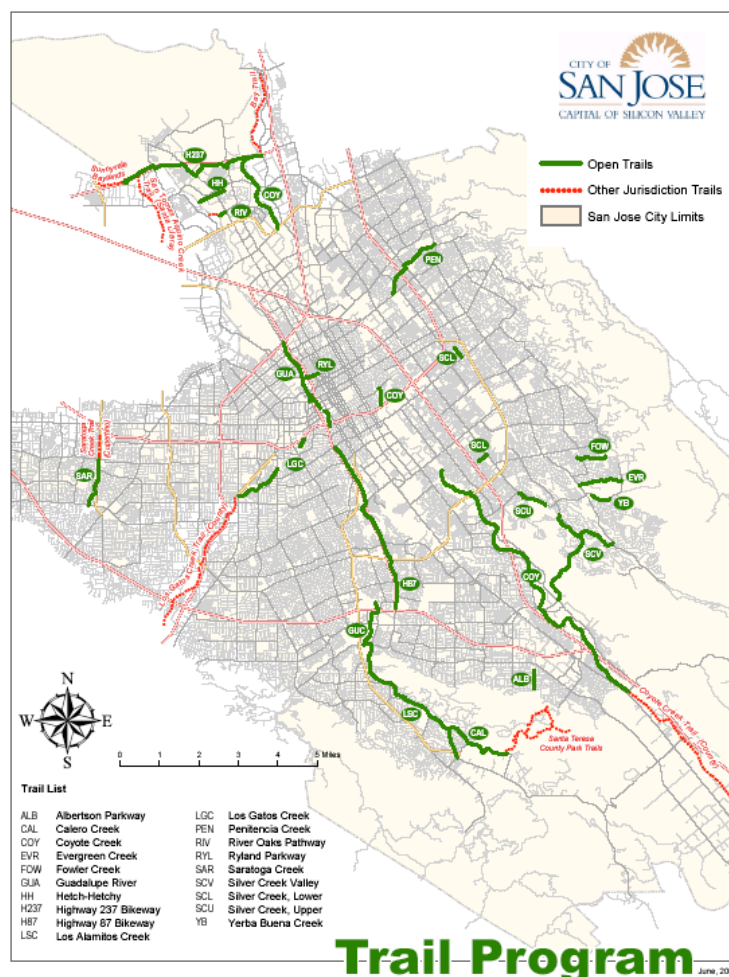
remediation if any will be required.

Partners

Development of trails within San José can only occur through partnerships with agencies, community groups and hardworking individuals.

- Santa Clara Valley Water District - Board of Directors (Funding, project support)
- Santa Clara Valley Water District - Staff (Project delivery)

- City of San Jose (CSJ) City Council - (Funding, project support)
- CSJ Department of Public Works (Project delivery)
- CSJ Department of Transportation (Funding, project delivery, on-street bikeway integration)
- CSJ City Attorney's Office (Agreement development)
- CSJ Redevelopment Agency (Project delivery, funding)
- CSJ Department of General Services (Maintenance)
- Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (Funding)
- San Francisco Bay Ridge Trail/Coastal Conservancy (Funding)
- San Francisco Bay Trail/ABAG (Funding)
- State of California (Funding)
- Federal Government (Funding)
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (funding)
- County of Santa Clara (Funding, project delivery)
- Adopt-A-Trail Volunteers (Maintenance)
- PRNS Park Managers (Design, maintenance)
- Many residents, bike groups and trail advocates that encourage and support expansion of the trail system.



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Web Page
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Maps!

Maps are now available on the web site in a printable format. Find maps on the following subjects:

- Trails currently open to the public
- The entire future trail network (all stages of development shown)
- Individual trail maps showing points of entry, pavement conditions, nearby retail and other useful information.